

Update on Geostationary Littoral Imaging and Monitoring Radiometer

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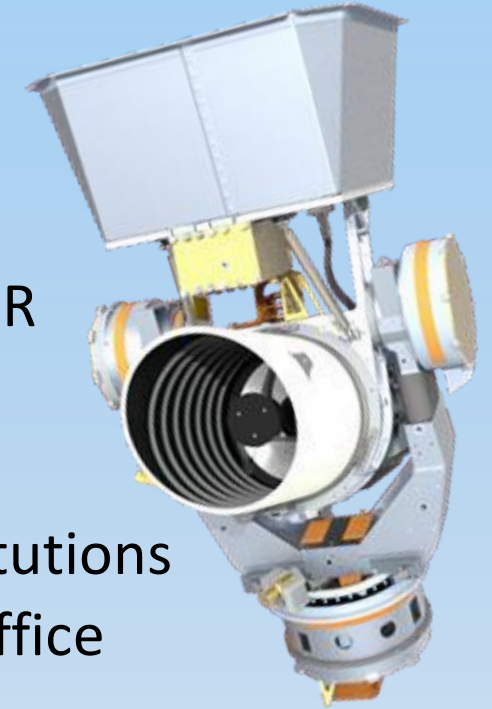
What is GLIMR?



NASA's latest Ocean Color instrument:

Hyperspectral sensor in Geostationary orbit ($98^{\circ} \text{ W} \pm 10^{\circ}$)

- NASA's Earth Venture Instrument 5
- PI: Joe Salisbury (UNH)
- UNH: PI, management, systems engineering, science ops center, & INR
- Instrument by Raytheon; Safety mission assurance by SwRI
- GSFC: deputy PI, science data segment, and science
- Science & Applications team from various academic and federal institutions
- Mission management by Earth System Science Pathfinder Program Office



Status and Schedule

- Project start: 17 May 2021
- KDP-C: 6 March 2023
- CDR: 20-23 June 2023
- Instrument delivery: ~January 2025
- Launch TBD: ~2027



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A glimpse into GLIMR's capabilities

Hyperspectral UV-Vis-NIR

- 340-1040 nm
- <2 to <10 nm spectral resolution across UV-Vis
- <1 to <5 nm sampling UV-Vis

High Spatial

- 300 m nadir Ground Sample Distance (GSD)
- ~328 m Gulf of Mexico
- <500 m over coastal continental US

Adaptive Scheduling & Targeting

- Flexibility to target episodic events & hazards

High Temporal

- ~hourly scans of Gulf of Mexico (6x/day)
- 2x to 3x/day other regions
- 3x/day HAB target sites

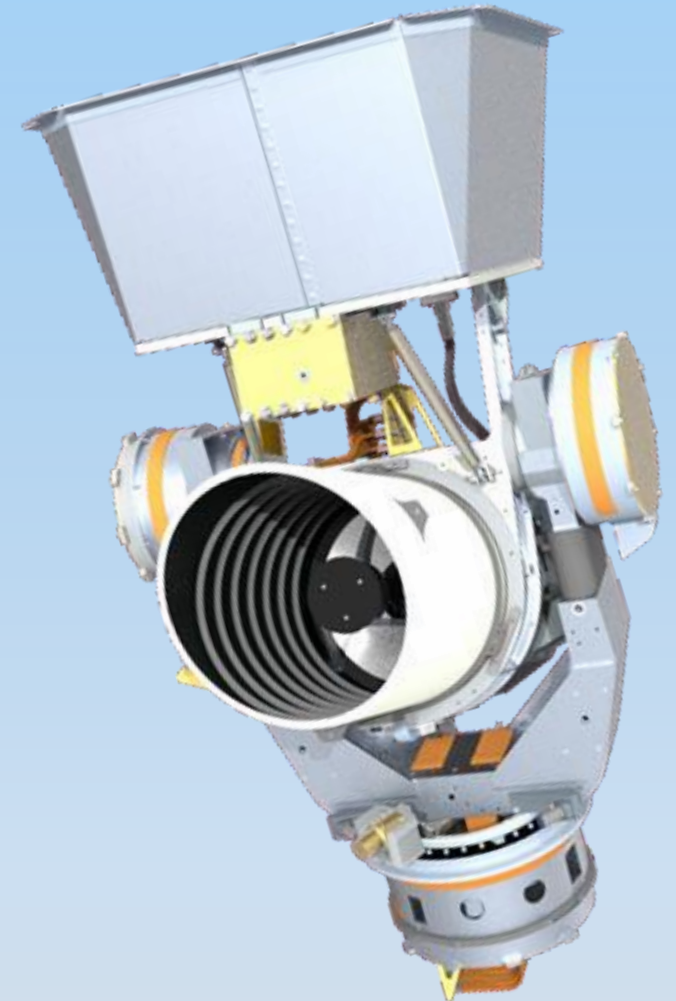
High SNR

Requirements at Ocean Ltyp

- 360-380 nm: >420 *
- 380-415 nm: > 650
- 415-580 nm: > 1000
- 580-650 nm: > 750
- 650-880 nm: > 580 ^

* Best effort <360 nm

^ SNR >=500 (700-720nm)



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GLIMR's combined capabilities are unprecedented



GLIMR Science from Geo Vantage Point

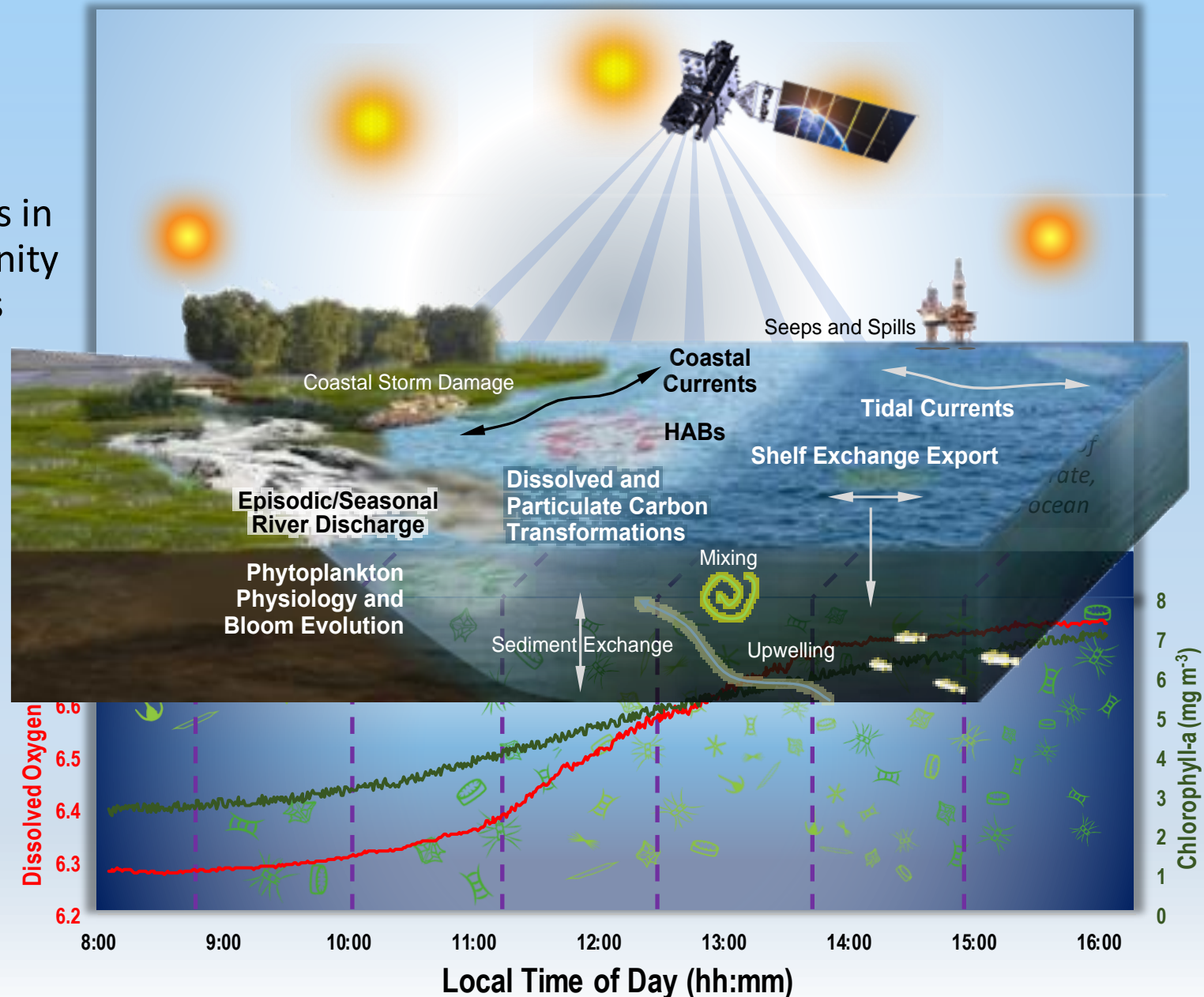
➤ Phytoplankton Growth and Physiology

- Observe, quantify, and understand processes associated with rapid changes in phytoplankton growth rate and community composition at their intrinsic timescales

➤ Short Term Coastal Processes

- Quantify high frequency fluxes of sediments, organic matter, and other materials between and within coastal ecosystems and investigate how these regulate the productivity and health of coastal ecosystems.

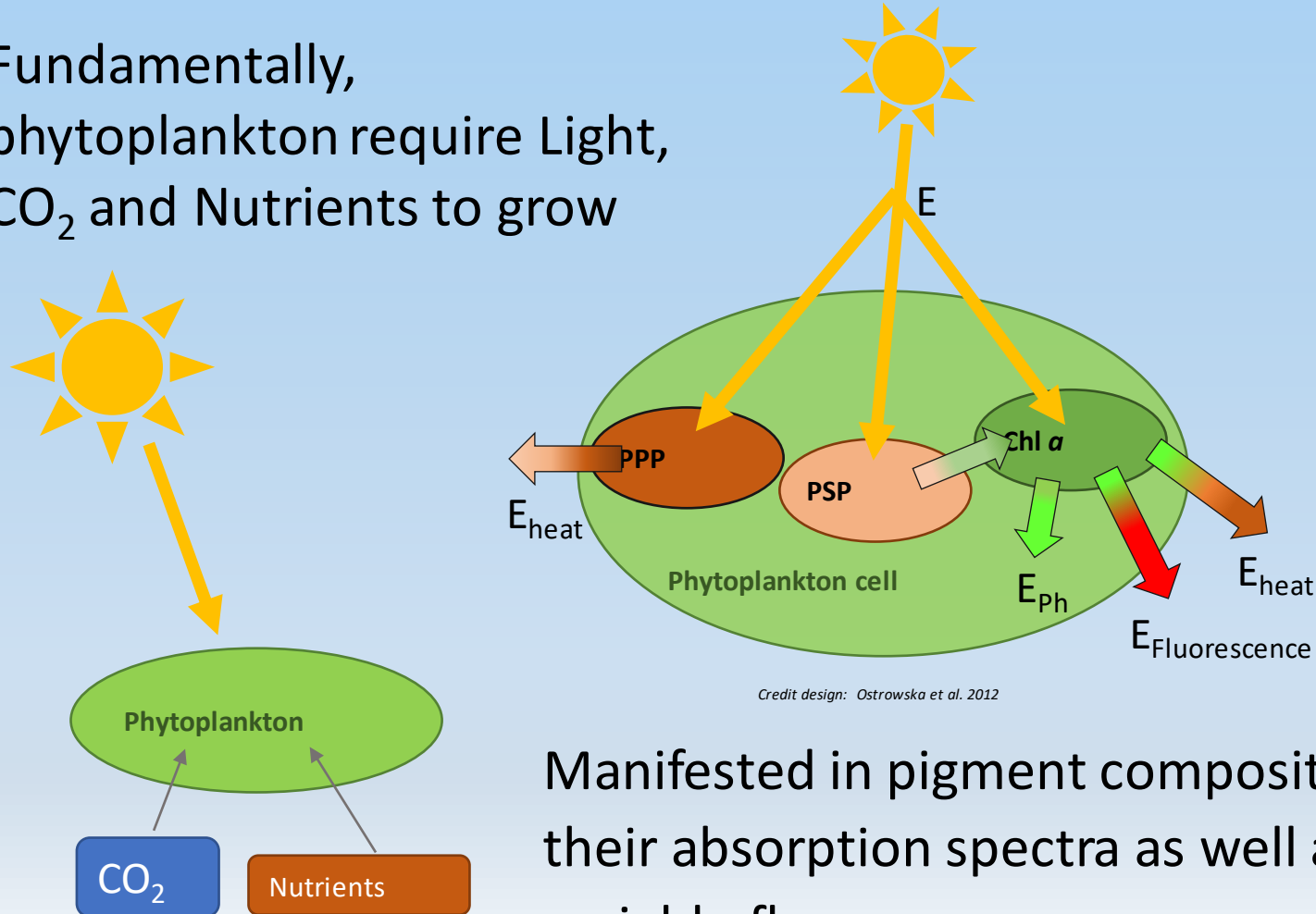
GLIMR will enable us to move beyond studying the *effects* of the process, and into the study of the processes themselves.



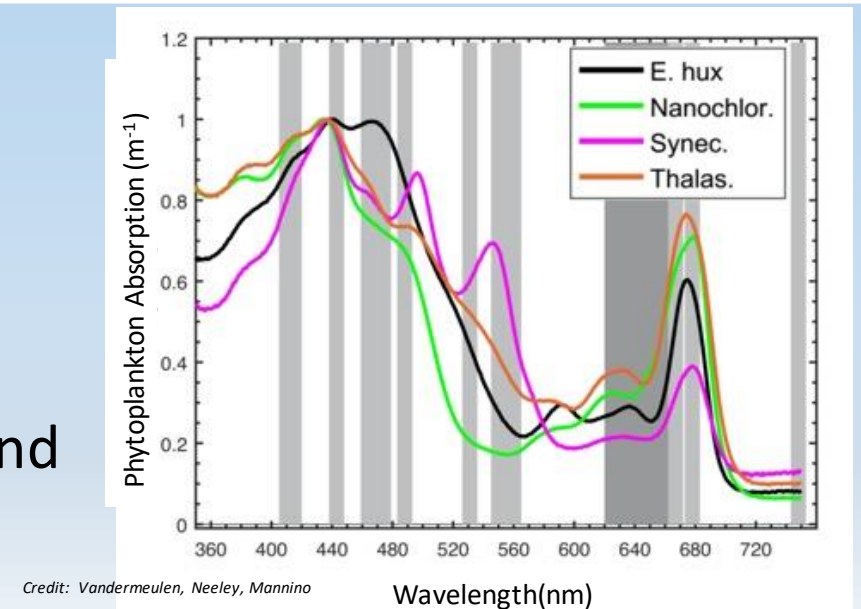
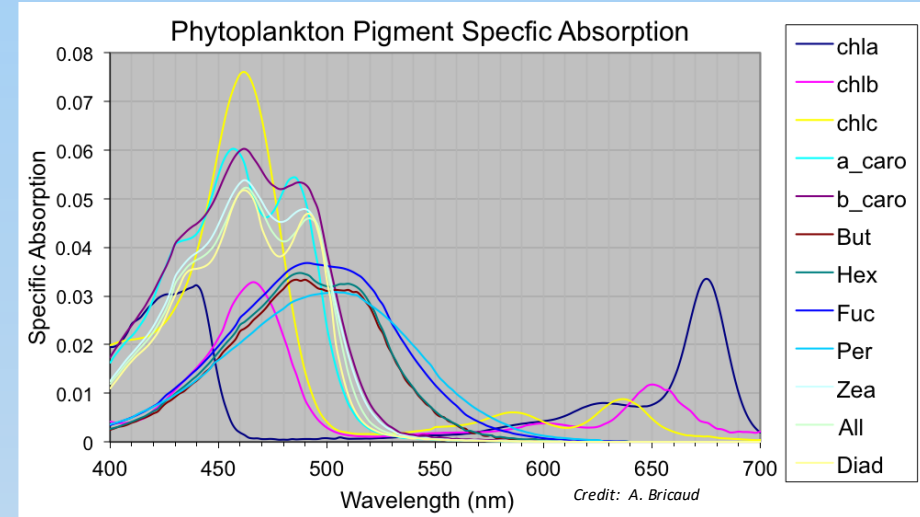
Phytoplankton Physiology and Blooms

Amounts and quality of Light, CO_2 and Nutrients regulate physiology and growth

Fundamentally, phytoplankton require Light, CO_2 and Nutrients to grow

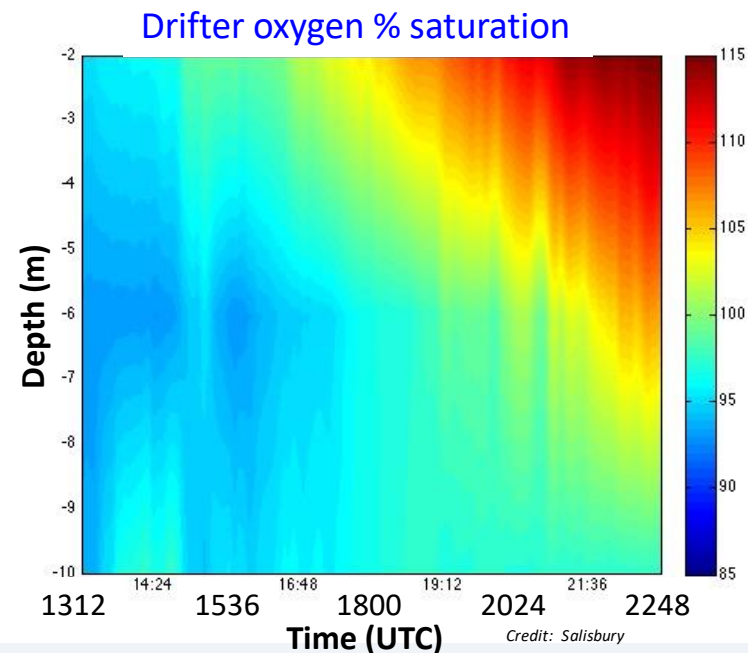
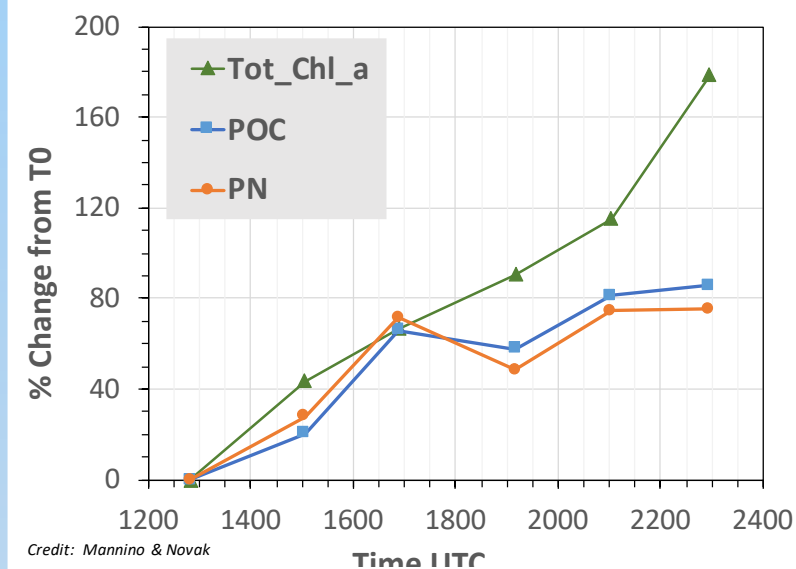
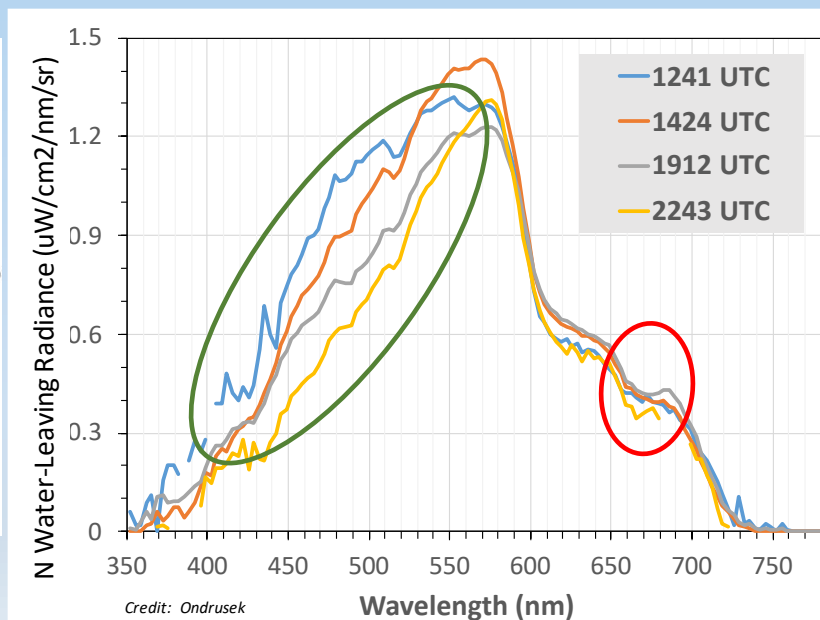
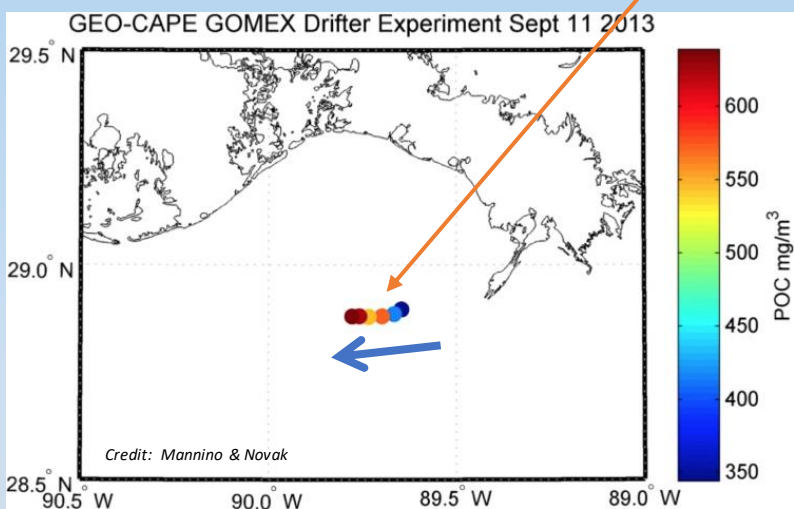
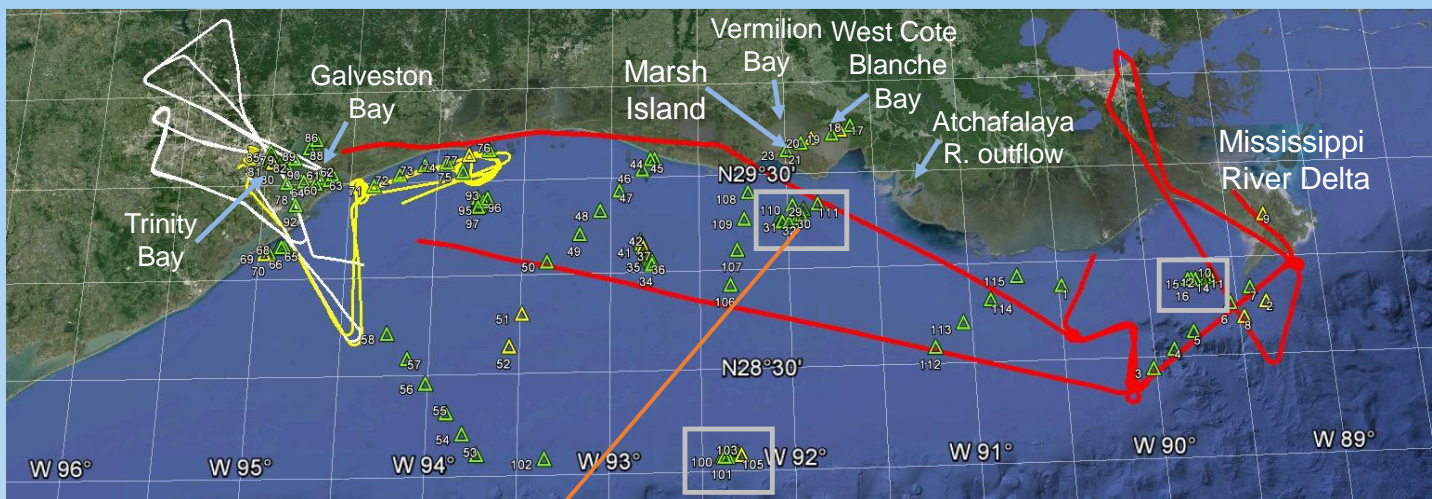


Manifested in pigment composition and their absorption spectra as well as variable fluorescence response





Phytoplankton and ecosystem diurnal response to light and nutrients

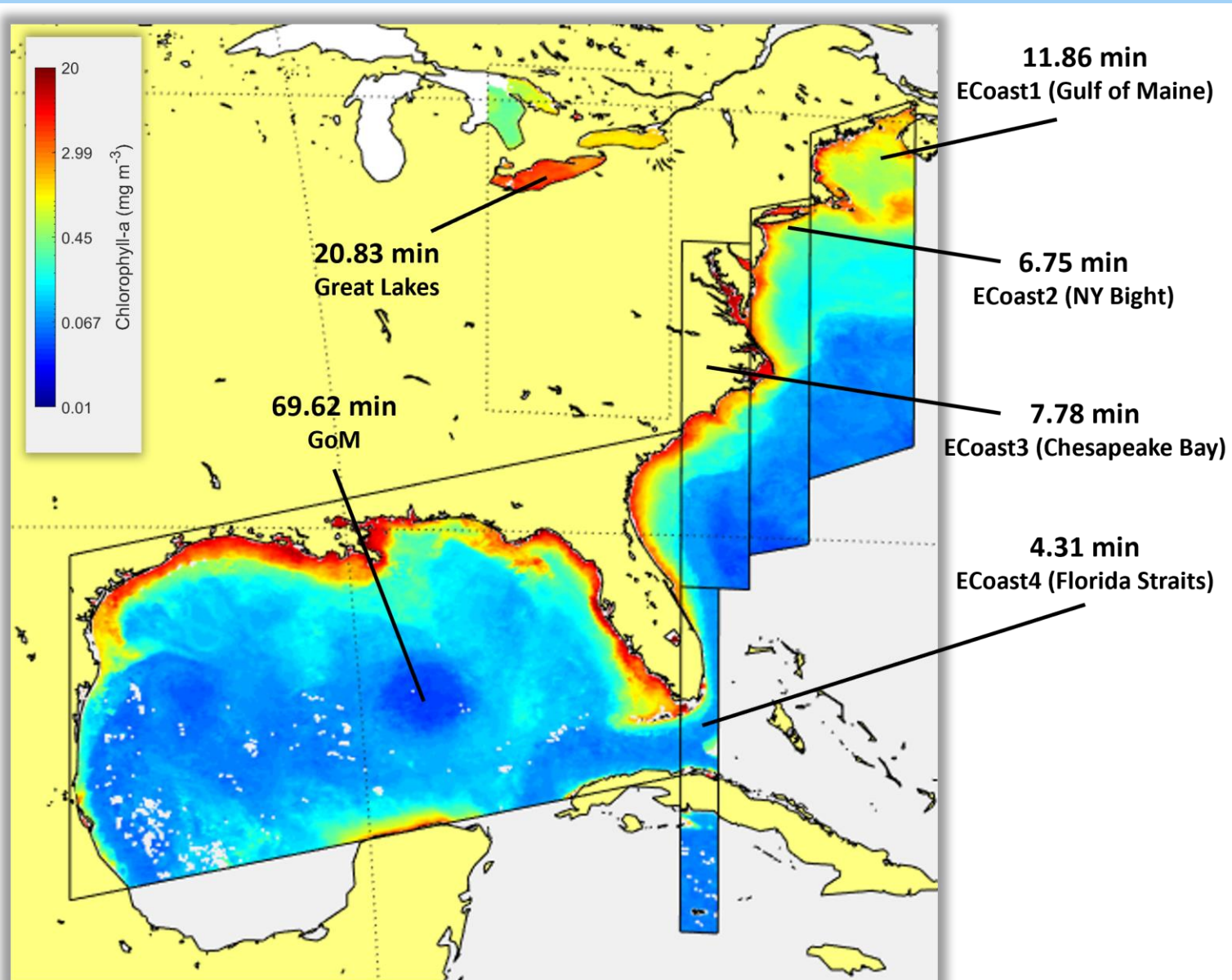
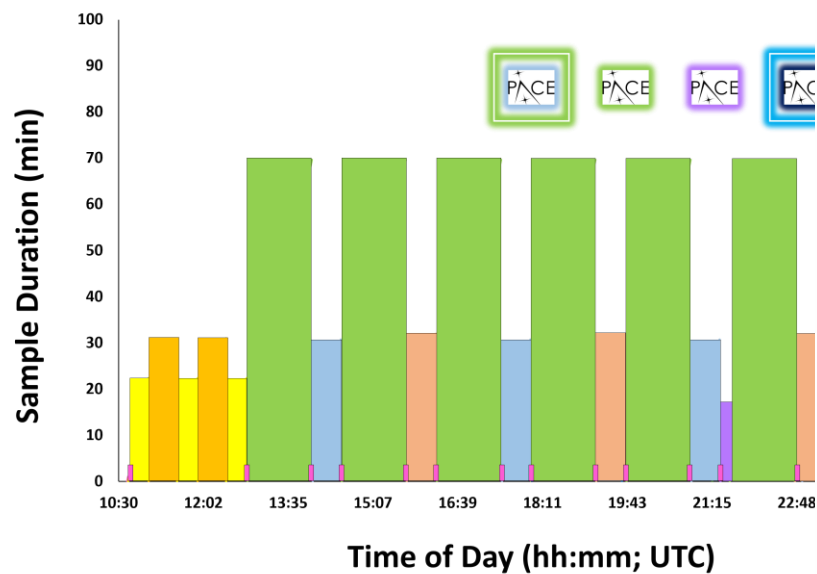


Diurnal productivity observable through change in L_{wn} , Chl-*a*, POC, etc.



Observing Regions & Daily Schedule

Baseline Regions	Frequency
Gulf of Mexico	6x/ day
East & West CONUS coastal waters	2x/ day
Amazon River Plume region ³	2x/ day
Caribbean Sea region of interest	2x/ day
Hawaii region of interest ³	2x/ day
Other HAB target sites	3x/ day
Cross-calibration w/ other sensors	3x/ day
Invariant South Pacific clear waters	2x/ day



Star Look

GoM

CONUS East

Amazon

Caribbean

CONUS West

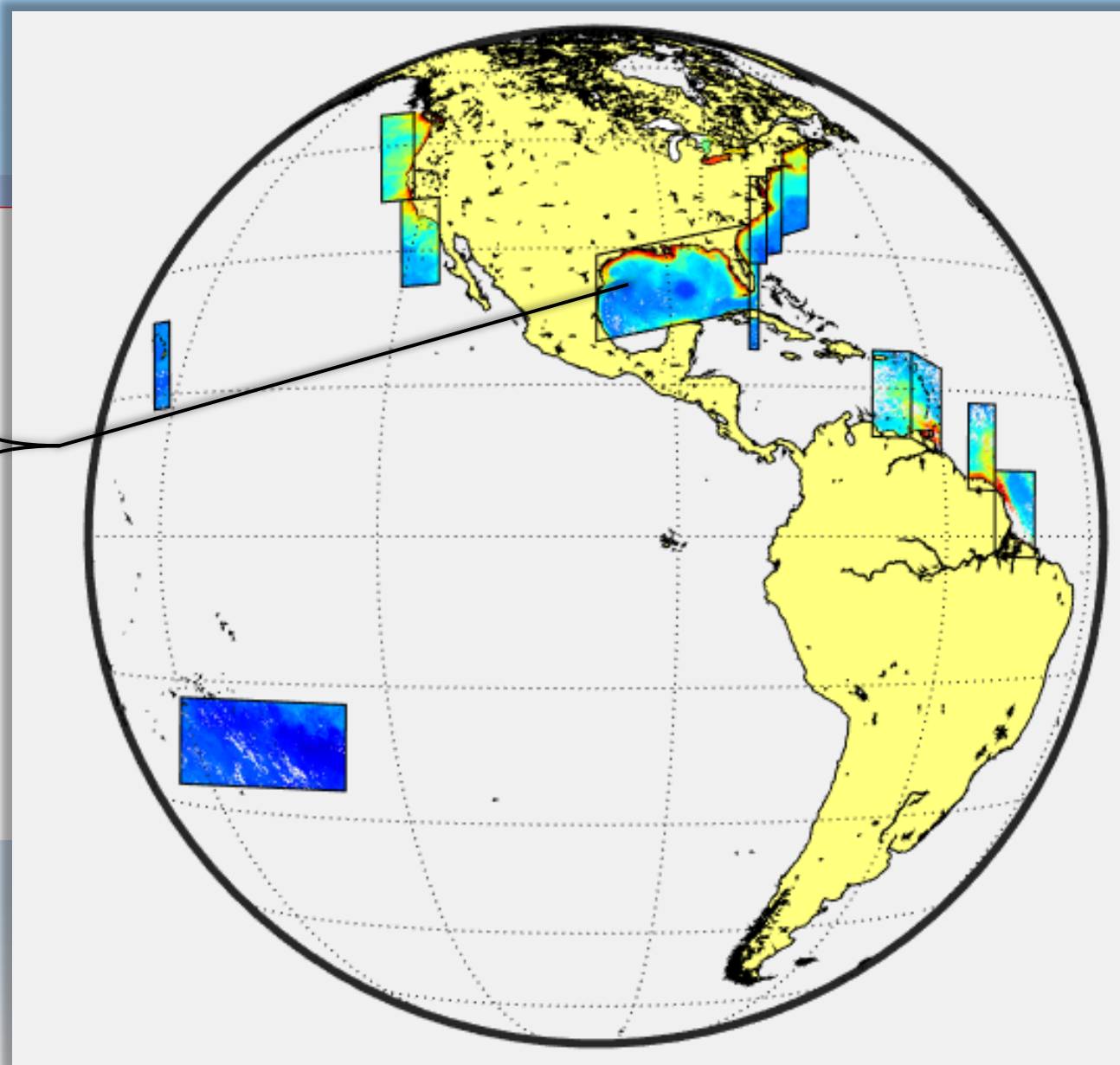
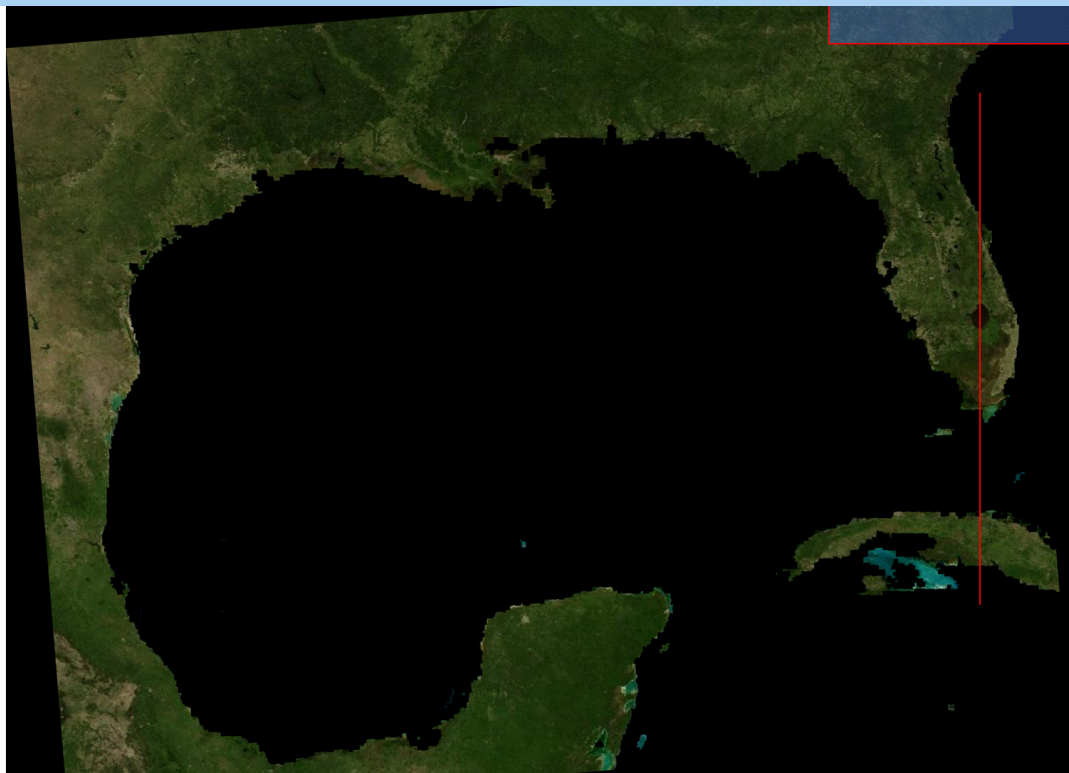
South Pacific

Hawaii

PACE_nadir



How GLIMR Images Primary Observing Regions



Applied Science Foci Areas

Targeting the **formation, magnitude, and trajectory** of coastal hazards, for **improved management & mitigation**

harmful algal blooms



oil spills



fisheries

water quality

pathogens

surface currents

navigation



floating algae



food security

coastal management

conservation

tourism

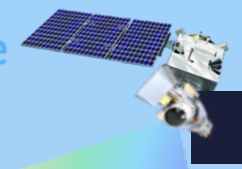
recreation

forecasting

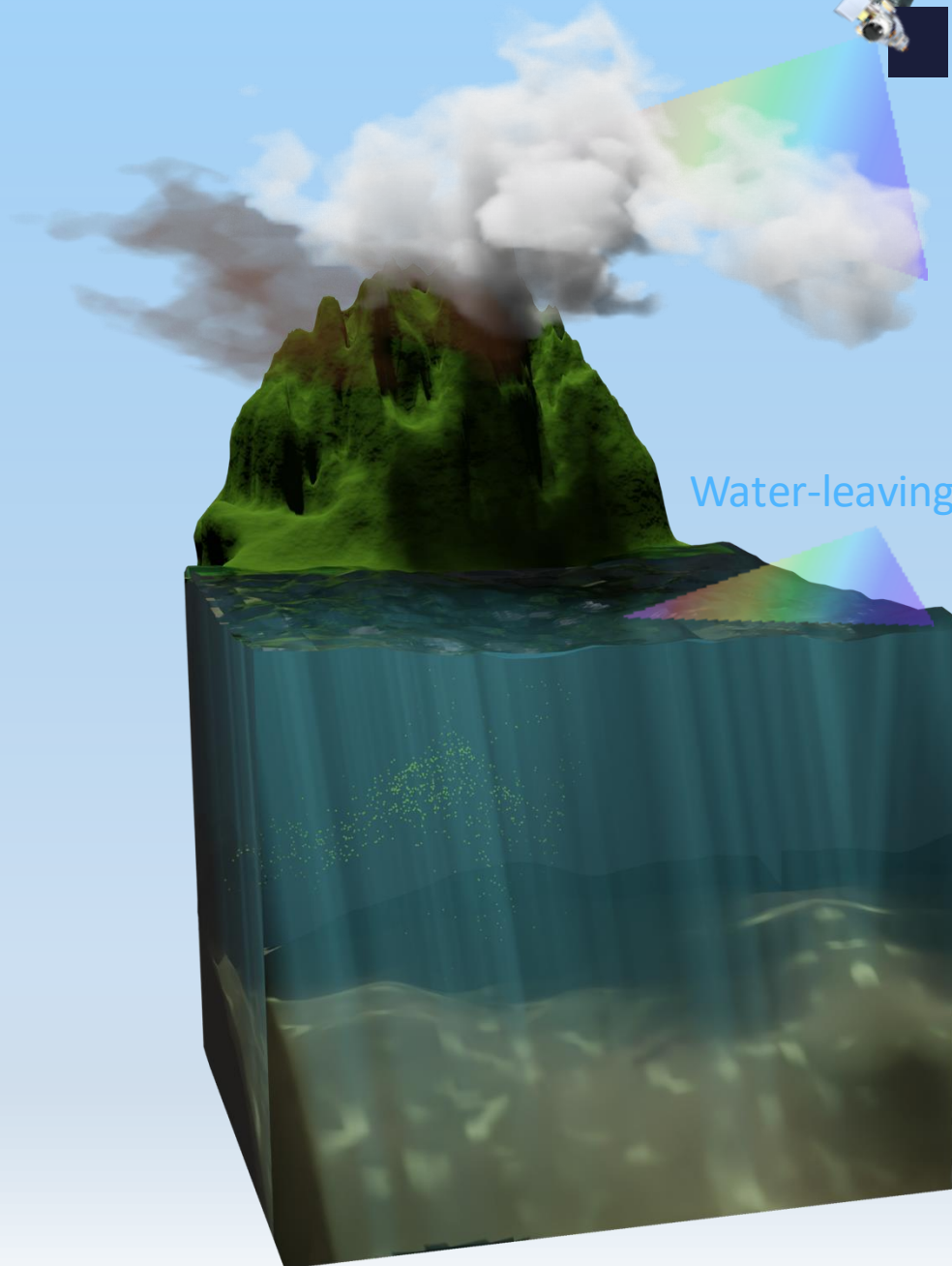


GLIMR PLANNED OCEAN COLOR DATA PRODUCTS

Top-of-Atmosphere Radiance

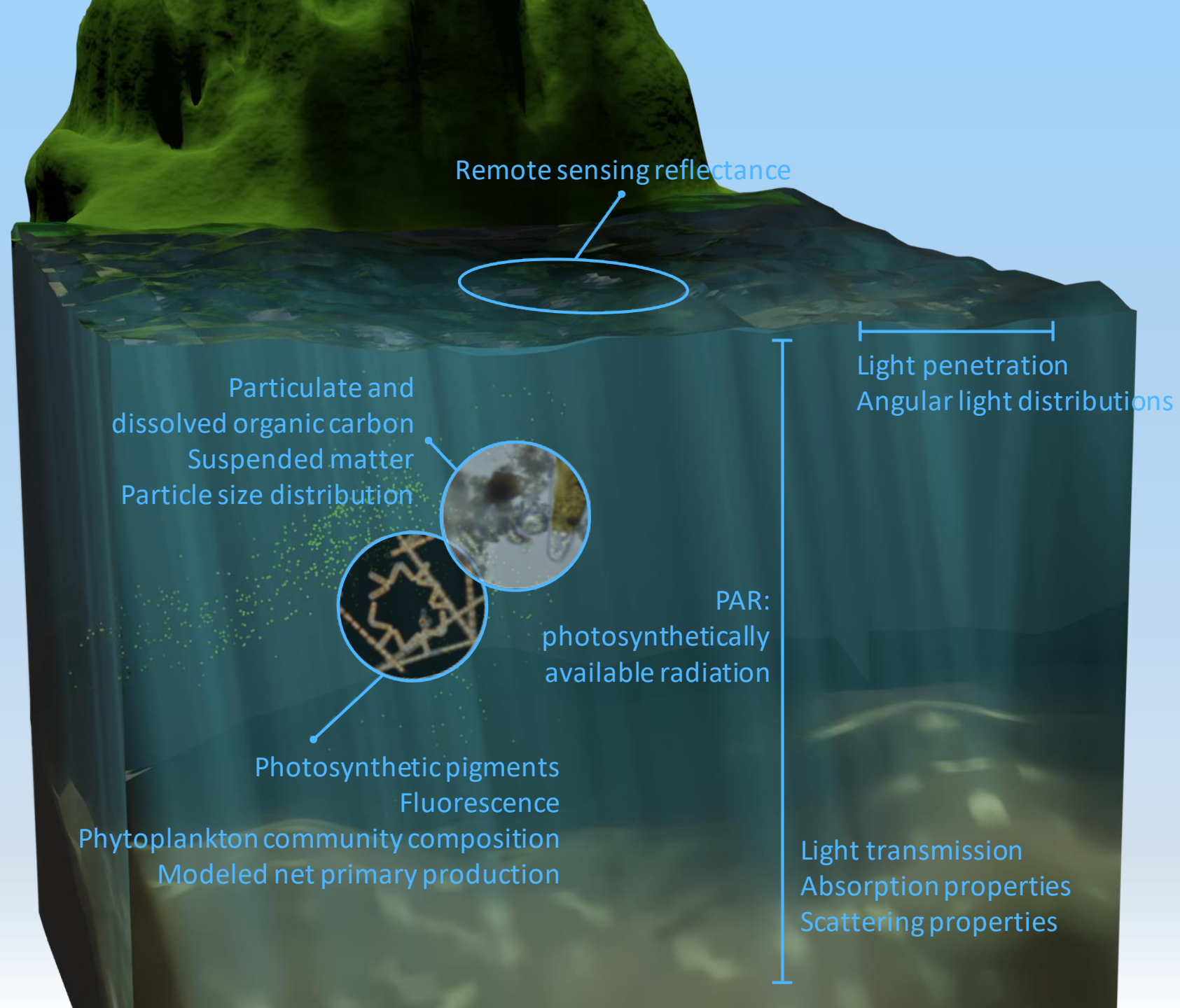


Water-leaving Radiance





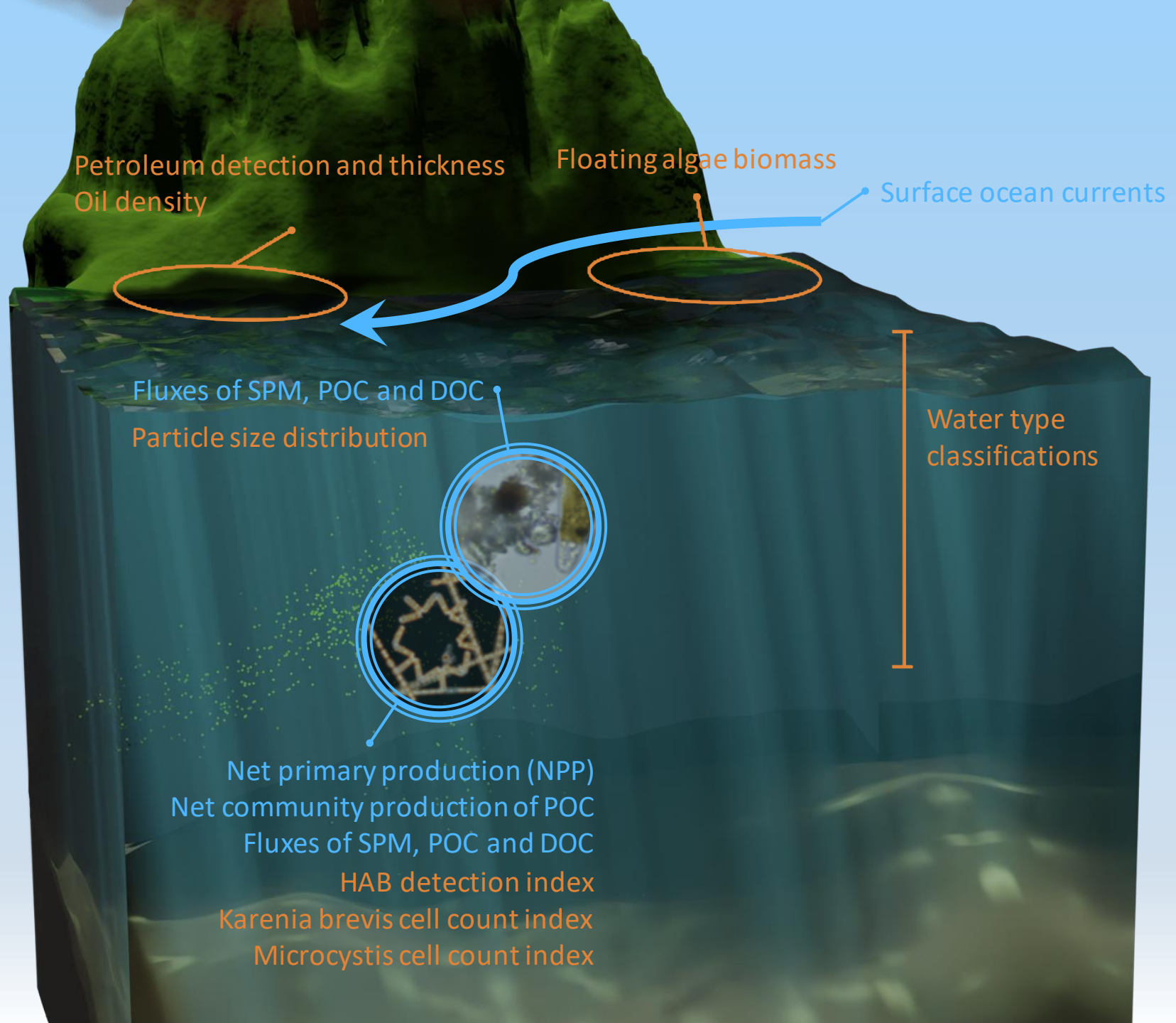
GLIMR OCEAN COLOR DATA PRODUCTS “TYPICAL” OC PRODUCTS





GLIMR OCEAN COLOR DATA PRODUCTS GLIMR RATES AND FLUXES PRODUCTS

GLIMR APPLICATIONS PRODUCTS



Petroleum detection and thickness
Oil density

Floating algae biomass

Surface ocean currents

Fluxes of SPM, POC and DOC
Particle size distribution

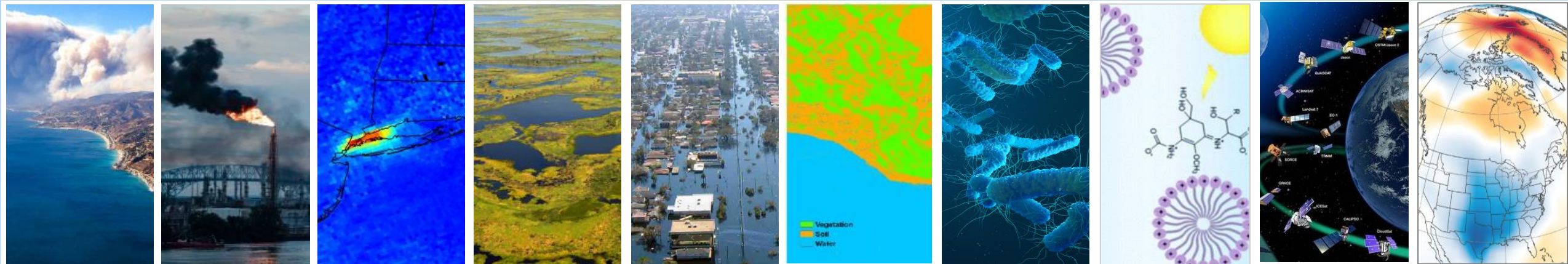
Water type
classifications

Net primary production (NPP)
Net community production of POC
Fluxes of SPM, POC and DOC
HAB detection index
Karenia brevis cell count index
Microcystis cell count index

Other multidisciplinary applications & products

- **Land applications/land surface reflectance**
- **NDVI** (normalized difference vegetation index)
- **Wetland** extent/vegetation properties
- **Coastal inundation**
- **Land-ocean biogeochemical exchanges**

- **Synergies/Improve utilization of other sensors**
- Provide **additional model inputs**
- Validate regional **weather/climate models**
- Improve storm surge modeling



- **Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂)**
- **Absorbing aerosols**
- **Air Quality Index** and other atm. applications
- **Air-Sea exchanges**

- **Pathogens** in urban waters
- **Whitening Agents** (human activity)



Update on Project Activities

- Team is preparing for CDR
 - formal NASA review with Standing Review Board (SRB) of experts
- Raytheon completing procurements and building instrument sub-systems
- Team delivering various NASA deliverables (documents & models)
 - Requirements, Concept of Operations (on-orbit), Radiometric calibration, etc.
- UNH developing the Science Operations Center (SOC)
- UNH & A. Kamel developing image navigation & registration algorithms
- GSFC/SDS developing L0-to-L1 and L1-to-L2 code
- GSFC Science performance modeling
- Community outreach & publications
 - Virtual Applications Workshop in Sept 2023
 - Scientific conferences and meetings
- Engaging PACE, TEMPO, GeoXO OCX missions



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